



If I Had a Hammer

Ever since the first caveman discovered how to hit a wooden nail with a rock hammer, the following sounds have been heard: *bang, bang, thud, aaarrggghhh!*

I remember the first time I *really* hit my hand with a hammer. I was nailing some two-by-fours together and, well, I missed the nail. My thumb looked like a great big purple jelly bean for a week. Yep, lost the fingernail and everything.

So things weren't much different for this guy, who was disassembling aircraft landing gear. Although I imagine the "*aaarrggghhh*" part was a little louder. He really smashed his hand. Ouch!

I'm not sure if they make any practical thumb-protecting PPE for hammering, but I do know that we can learn a good lesson from the zillions of people who have smashed their digits. Be particularly attentive when using a hammer.